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SUBJ: IRANIAN PETROLEUM PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS: APRIL

AND MAY 1-15

1. ACCORDING TO FINAL FIGURES, IRAN PRODUCED 162,339,374 BBLs (5,411.3 MBPD) OF CRUDE OIL IN APRIL. 145,726,170 BBLs WERE PRODUCED FROM THE KHUZESTAN OIL FIELDS (CONSORTIUM AREA); WHILE NIOC AND THE FOUR OFF-SHORE PRODUCERS ACCOUNTED FOR 511,150 BBLs AND 16,102,054 BBLs, RESPECTIVELY. APRIL PRODUCTION WAS 6.6 PERCENT LOWER THAN THE PRECEDING MONTH AND 8.7 PERCENT LOWER THAN THE 1976 AVERAGE. PRODUCTION FOR THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1977 (5.7 MBPD) WAS 3.8 PERCENT LOWER THAN 1976 AVERAGE BUT WAS 6.8 PERCENT HIGHER THAN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1976.

2. DURING APRIL, CRUDE EXPORTS WERE 144,648,638 BBLs

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(4,821.6 MBPD); AND, ANOTHER 6,386,970 BBLs (212.9 MBPD)

WERE DELIVERED TO ABADAN REFINERY FOR PROCESSING AND SUB-

SEQUENT EXPORT AS PRODUCTS. THE CONSORTIUM TRADING

COMPANIES EXPORTED 97,440,300 BBLs OF CRUDE; NIOC "STATED

QUANTITY" EXPORTS WERE 32,482,200 BBLs; AND, THE JOINT

VENTURES EXPORTED 14,726,138. CRUDE EXPORTS IN APRIL WERE

1.8 PERCENT LOWER THAN IN MARCH AND WERE 7.3 PERCENT LOWER

THAN THE 1976 AVERAGE. CRUDE EXPORTS DURING THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1977 WERE 6.1 PERCENT LOWER THAN THE 1976 AVERAGE, BUT THEY WERE STILL 5.1 PERCENT HIGHER THAN IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1976.

3. ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY FIGURES, IRAN PRODUCED 5,240 MBPD DURING THE FIRST 15 DAYS OF MAY--4,654 MBPD FROM THE CONSORTIUM AREA, 568 MBPD BY THE JOINT VENTURES, AND 18 MBPD BY NIOC. THE CONSORTIUM TRADING COMPANIES EXPORTED 2,604 MBPD OF CRUDE, AND ANOTHER 207 MBPD WAS DELIVERED TO ABADAN REFINERY FOR THEIR ACCOUNT. NIOC "STATED QUANTITY" EXPORTS WERE 1,268 MBPD. FIGURES FOR JOINT VENTURE EXPORTS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE BUT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABOUT 550 MBPD. CONSEQUENTLY, TOTAL CRUDE EXPORTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN 4.4 MMBPD.

4. THE GOI AND NIOC ARE NOT VERY CONCERNED, OUTWARDLY AT LEAST, ABOUT THE DECLINES OF APRIL AND EARLY MAY. HOWEVER, THE FIGURES DO SUGGEST THAT THE COMBINATION OF GRADUALLY INCREASING SAUDI PRODUCTION AND THE FALL IN INTERNATIONAL DEMAND ARE MAKING THEMSELVES FELT.

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